

MAKE STRONG PLEA FOR RESTRICTIONS

Finance Committee of Petersburg Urged to Adopt Ordinances, but Decline.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETERSBURG, VA., March 24.—Argument in favor of the proposed restriction and regulation of the liquor traffic in Petersburg was heard for two hours this evening by the Finance Committee of the City Council at a meeting to which the public was invited, and at which it was present in large numbers. Chairman Patterson at times finding it necessary to rap for order when demonstrations of approval or disapproval were too noisy.

The resolutions and proposed ordinance embodying the recommended restrictions adopted at the recent temperance mass-meeting at the Academy of Music, were presented to the committee by Councilman Richard B. Davis, chairman of a temperance committee of two citizens from each ward, who were appointed by a mass-meeting held several months ago, and drafted the present plan of regulation.

He also presented a petition signed by about 800 voters requesting the Council to adopt the proposed restrictions. Mr. Davis made the main argument for the temperance party, making a strong plea for the proper regulation of the liquor traffic as essential to the economic as well as the moral welfare of the city. The speaker disavowed any intention of injuring liquor dealers and expressed belief in careful regulation, rather than prohibition of what he characterized as a dangerous business.

Other speakers advocating restriction were Bartlett Roper, a prominent wholesale grocer, Rev. J. E. Winn, pastor of the Washington Street Methodist Church, and Augustus Wright, Rev. Dr. David Klein, rabbi of the Union Street Synagogue, expressed the view that if the liquor business was prohibited, it should be altogether prohibited, but in this respect he expressed doubt that any Supreme Court had defined the liquor business as a privilege, but not a right granted to a citizen.

A large number of well-known liquor men were present, but no representative of their side spoke.

After hearing the speeches the committee went into executive session. The restrictions in question are reduction of the number of bars to fifteen, increase of the license tax from \$250 to \$1,000, confining their hours of operation to the business section of the city, requiring them to remain closed from 10 at night to 7 in the morning, and a few other minor requirements.

The Petition Denied.
In considering the license tax ordinance, the Finance Committee decided to recommend no increase in the present liquor license tax of \$250, to leave the question of the number of saloons to the judgment of the Hustings Court, to whom the applications for saloon license are made, and not to limit the location of saloons to one section of the city, thus disapproving the main features of the ordinance recommended by the temperance committee and mass-meeting, and presented to the finance committee this evening by the temperance people. The committee decided to recommend that the ordinance be referred to the Hustings Court, to whom the applications for saloon license are made, and not to limit the location of saloons to one section of the city, thus disapproving the main features of the ordinance recommended by the temperance committee and mass-meeting, and presented to the finance committee this evening by the temperance people.

For Selling to Minors.
Various phases of the temperance question are at present the subjects of main importance, not only in the most important committee of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen—the Finance Committee—but also in the Hustings Court, which to-day, with Judge J. M. Mullin presiding, took up the cases of the several liquor dealers under indictment for selling liquor to minors. In the first case called, that of Charles Dabney, colored, bartender for Willis Gilliam, proprietor of a well-known negro saloon, Messrs. Dabney, Hamilton Wilcox and Robert Gilliam, Jr., counsel for the defense, sprung a radical surprise on the prosecution by moving that the indictment be quashed on the ground that the statute under which it was found is unconstitutional. The defendant's counsel claimed that with reference to the penalty for the sale of liquor to minors the statute in question fails to comply with the requirement of the Constitution that an act of the Legislature must state in its title the purpose of the act. Judge Mullin said that he was inclined to grant the motion, but wanted to hear argument, whereupon Mr. Richard B. Davis, who, with Commonwealth's Attorney R. H. Mann, is conducting the prosecution, requested that the court take a recess to allow counsel time to examine the law on the question. After a recess of an hour and a half argument on the motion to quash was begun, the jury being discharged until to-morrow morning.

May Shorten the Division.
An interesting report is current here that the Norfolk and Western Railroad officials are considering a shortening of the division of the road between the city and the coast, and that a belt line for through freight may be built around this city. The change of the

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western terminus from Crewe to Addison would probably be of momentous importance to those places and to Petersburg as well.

To Attract Buyers.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETERSBURG, VA., March 24.—The Wholesale Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association at a largely attended meeting at the hall of the Chamber of Commerce to-night adopted the greater part of a report from a special committee presenting a plan to attract buyers to Petersburg, the main feature of which is the refunding of traveling expenses under certain requirements.

PROBABLY BODY OF LATHAM.

Man Drowned Was Perhaps Missing North Carolinian.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, March 24.—The body of the unknown white man found several days ago in the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River, and so far unidentified, is believed to be that of Dempsey H. Latham, of Plymouth, N. C., who for the past year or more has been residing in Portsmouth, and who has been missing for over a month.

It was on the 11th of February that Latham left the home of Mrs. G. F. Winthrop, in Portsmouth, where he was staying, saying that he was going to the navy-yard in search of work. He was not heard from any more. The police of Norfolk and Portsmouth are investigating the case.

DROWNS GETS SIX YEARS.

Sentence Passed Upon Him on Three Charges—Other Cases.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, VA., March 24.—In the Corporation Court to-day, Edward, alias "Cabbage" Drowns was sentenced

to serve a term of four years in the penitentiary on a charge of holding up and shooting Thomas J. Schneider, which occurred February 11th last. He was also sentenced for one year for grand larceny and one year additional for entering a slaughter house, making a total of six years. Drowns served a term before for robbing and it is announced that he will have five years added to his sentence, making a total of eleven years he will spend at that institution.

Frank Hicks, seventeen years of age, also indicted for holding up and shooting Schneider, was sent to the reform school for two years on that charge and he will spend two additional years there, one being for grand larceny and one for entering a slaughter house, making a total of four years. When released he will, therefore, have attained his majority.

In the case of Frank Parker, an appeal from the decision of a police justice, Parker was fined \$10 and sentenced to serve sixty days in jail. His original sentence was a fine of \$5 and thirty days in jail. Parker was charged with receiving a hog alleged to have been stolen.

THE TOMAHAWK'S HUNT.

Enjoy Fine Day's Sport and Entertainment—This Evening.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ORANGE, VA., March 24.—With beautiful weather and good going the Tomahawk tore off its weekly hunt Saturday morning, starting from the kennel on Mr. W. W. Sanford's place and taking in the farms of Mrs. T. W. Bond, E. V. Huffman and W. G. Crenshaw. The best performance was made in negotiating a dangerous looking plank fence just at the end-up, when five out of seven riders skimmed over safely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Grymes entertained the club at breakfast.

Those riding were Wallace Sanford, M. F. H. on storm King, Miss Woodriff, on Taraxicus; W. S. Grymes, on Hilken; August Wambush, on Trickle; V. R. Shackelford, on Northwood; Travis Daniel, on Rex; H. Green Shackelford, on Raleigh; T. Willis Jones, on Thoroughbred; George Scott Shackelford, on Flint.

Those attending the breakfast were Mr. and Mrs. Grymes, Mrs. Woodriff, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. John Grymes, Mrs. Larkin Willis, Mrs. H. O. Lyne, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Maddox, Mrs. McDonald, Rev. Mrs. John S. Hancher, Mrs. Smith, Misses Lina Ricketts, Eudora Grymes, Fannie Grymes, Ethel Wambush, Alice Wambush, Ella Mai Grassy, Nannie Shackelford, Armistead Talbot, Carrie Bruce, Morton, Elsie and Lucy Sanford, Beulah Walker, Rebecca Somers, Annie Thornhill, Ada Woodriff and Bettie Woodriff; Messrs. W. C. Graham, Dr. Lewis Holliday, Dr. R. M. Hris, George T. Marshall, Barry Marshall, of New York; Blakey Walker, Ed. Grymes, August Wambush, Willie Jones, W. W. Sanford, Travis Daniel, H. Green Shackelford and V. R. Shackelford.

KENBRIDGE LEAP YEAR DANCE

A MOST DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
KENBRIDGE, VA., March 24.—There was Friday last, Friday night, the young ladies of this section a magnificent leap year dance. The dance was at the hospitable home of Mr. R. B. Seay. It was the first of a series of leap-year dances by the young ladies of this section, and it proved to be a great success. Music was furnished by the Kenbridge and Flat Rock Orchestras. Some of those participating were Miss Myrian Galusha and Mr. W. S. Irby, Miss Ethel Hetherington and Mr. E. Seay, Miss Fannie Hetherington, Mr. I. T. Bagley, Miss Nannie Organ and Dr. W. D. Kendig, Miss Eva Organ and Mr. George E. Bridgforth, Miss Natalie Nesbitt and Professor R. B. Ranson, Miss Julia Bagley and Mr. T. G. Hardy, Miss Mary Lee Bridgforth and Mr. Robert F. Allen, Miss Mary Love and Mr. E. A. Love, Miss Lelia Almond and Mr. Young, Miss Mary Almond and Mr. Newsome, Miss Dot Seay and Mr. P. H. Jones, Miss Mary Seay and Mr. D. T. Kennedy; Messrs. J. C. Blackwell, Herbert Blackwell, William Blackwell, A. S. Hatchett, E. Stokes, T. B. Stokes, T. B. Stokes, Clifton Nesbitt, Archer Coleman, Harry Love and F. W. Bridgforth. Chaplains—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Love, Mr. V. C. Love and Mrs. R. B. Seay.

TO BUILD MACADAM ROAD.

Citizens and Supervisors of Bedford Take Steps to This End.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BEDFORD CITY, VA., March 24.—The Board of Supervisors to-day appropriated \$3,000 to assist in making a macadam road from Bonhorns for this county, to Lynchburg. In this way Bedford will be one of the first counties in the State to take advantage of the new law by which the State renders aid to the county in building permanent roads.

For a number of years the people of the Bonhorns neighborhood have been endeavoring to secure a macadam road to Lynchburg, and a number of the prominent citizens of Bedford appeared before the board and stated that they had raised \$3,000 by popular subscription, and asked the county to appropriate the same to the county of Campbell will agree to macadamize under State aid, the section of road between the Bedford line and the line of Lynchburg, and thus a mile of good road will be built at once as an object lesson for the rest of the county.

A HINT TO THE WIVES.

Norfolk Justice Don't Blame Them for Beating Drunken Husbands.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., March 24.—Judge Murdock, the machinist charged with cruelty to the wife and non-support, was to-day ordered held for the higher court. The judge said that when he went home under the influence of liquor his wife pitches into him with anything that she can lay her hands on, and that he is forced to fight to protect himself.

"And I don't blame her," said Justice Murdock. "If every woman in the city were to beat their drunken husbands there wouldn't be so much drunkenness."

MONTANA JOE IN SALISBURY WITH HIS WHEELBARROW

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SALISBURY, N. C., March 24.—In a walking contest, to reach the town of Montana, Joe, known as the champion long distance walker of America, passed through Salisbury to-day on his way from El Paso, Texas, to New York City, his destination in the contest. He rolls a unique wheelbarrow, weighing thirty pounds, in which he carries his baggage. He is now on his way to New York City, where he is due in New York April 15th, the distance from here being 584 miles.

THE NEW MILEAGE BOOKS ARE NOT SATISFACTORY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
HIGH POINT, N. C., March 24.—The traveling men of this section are not like the new mileage book system, and will probably take the matter to the railroad officials. Persons holding the new mileage books, the first day of April will have to take the books to the ticket office and exchange the mileage books for the old ones. The traveling men claim that this is an imposition and unnecessary.

Summers—Lynch.

Summers—Lynch. March 24.—The marriage is announced of Miss Lathrop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lynch, of Round Hill, Loudoun county, to Frederick H. Summers, of Chase City, Va. The ceremony was performed on Monday last at 10 o'clock in the Baptist Church at Round Hill. The bride is a granddaughter of Captain William A. Lynch, of Leesburg. They will reside at Chase City, Va.

THE NAME OF TAFT IS NOT MENTIONED

Second District Republicans Elect Delegates Without Instructions.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, March 24.—An uninstructed delegation from the Second Congressional District of Virginia will go to the Republican National Convention in Chicago next June. The District Republican Convention, held to-day in Odd-Fellows' Hall, Norfolk, elected D. Lawrence Groner, of Norfolk, and R. P. Bunting, of Norfolk county, delegates to Chicago, and in the set of resolutions adopted there is no word binding them to the candidacy of any of the many Republicans bothered with the presidential bee.

Before the convention met it was reported that telegrams had been received from Secretary Taft's managers in Washington, asking the Tidewater Republicans to endorse the candidacy of the Ohio judge and the President's favorite in the race. If such messages were received they were not read in the convention, nor could their receipt be confirmed by statements of the leading men in the convention.

It is believed, however, that Manager Hitchcock made a strong effort to secure Taft's endorsement and failed.

Will He Be Taft?

Of the two delegates elected D. Lawrence Groner, one of the best-known lawyers of Norfolk, has admitted that he believes Taft will be nominated in Chicago, and in speaking of the War Secretary, he said a high tribute to his judicial learning and administrative ability. "The trouble with Taft's candidacy," said Mr. Groner, "is that Taft's ability is overshadowed by Roosevelt's personality," thus intimating that the people have not had the opportunity to know the War Secretary as he really is.

As in the ward meetings, the county convention, and the city convention, held weeks ago, the name of Taft was not mentioned in the district convention.

In fact, such a compliment was not paid any other Republican presidential candidate. In the resolutions adopted appears the name of Theodore Roosevelt as the "superb leader in victories of peace and in victories of war," and when the tribute to the President was read before the convention an outburst of applause followed.

The work of the convention was quickly dispatched. R. P. Bunting, of Norfolk county, was elected chairman and A. Aronheim, of Norfolk city, secretary. There was not a contesting delegate.

Messrs. Groner and Bunting, nominated by Thomas Lowery and Treasurer Sam W. Lyons, of Norfolk county, respectively, were elected delegates to the Chicago convention without opposition, and Henry Bowden, of Norfolk, son of the late George E. Bowden, and P. F. J. Riley, of Portsmouth, were named as alternates. Percy Stephenson was elected with opposition as presidential elector for the Second District, and Alvah H. Martin was elected as a member of the State executive committee.

The resolutions adopted indorse the administration of Mr. Roosevelt, lament the death of Congressman Campbell Slem and Hon. George E. Bowden, and indorse Alvah H. Martin for delegate at large and for reappointment on the national committee.

The convention was closed with a speech by Major R. G. Banks, the oldest active Republican leader, and Attorney A. J. Morris, the most recent recruit to the Republican ranks in Norfolk, were called on to make addresses.

FLOYD REPUBLICANS PROTEST.

They Do Not Like Being Transferred From Fifth to Sixth District.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FLOYD, VA., March 24.—The Republicans met in convention here, and appointed delegates to the State and county conventions, to be held at Rocky Mount and Lynchburg. The delegates appointed for the district convention at Rocky Mount are J. H. Hiler, J. H. Hiler, H. W. Simmons, D. W. Slusher, J. A. L. Sulphur, Thos. Quesberry, G. B. Harman, Eli Wade, E. K. Thompson, T. T. Turner, A. L. Jackson, G. W. King, D. W. Link, J. L. Hale, R. Bishop, H. McNeil and S. G. Proffitt.

Those for the State convention were J. P. Proffitt, H. L. Lawson, J. H. Vest, and V. M. Sowder. B. S. Pedigo was appointed a delegate-at-large to be conventioned at Lynchburg.

Resolutions were adopted indorsing the course of President Roosevelt, also that of Hon. G. O. McAlexander, of the State Senate, and J. H. Hiler, of the House, and recommending the State Chairman Slem be re-elected.

The confirmation of Judge Rhea for the Corporation Commission was bitterly denounced, also the bill by which this county was placed in the Sixth District. While no steps were taken to change the district, the Republicans of this and the other counties which composed the Fifth District will test the constitutionality of the bill in pending Floyd, in the Sixth District. This has caused some dissatisfaction with both Democrats and Republicans, and will no doubt be a hard time politically, and is shifted about from time to time from one district to another.

BUCKINGHAM IS FOR TAFT.

Resolutions Adopted Indorsing Him and the President.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BUCKINGHAM, VA., March 24.—At a county convention of the Republican party of Buckingham county Emmet D. Gregory was elected chairman and J. H. Hiler, of York, was elected secretary. Delegates—Emmet D. Gregory, Robert T. Hubbard, A. C. Garnett, Jr., P. A. Grigg, L. B. Loueure, W. E. McCraw, A. S. Spencer, J. W. Word, J. W. Word and J. W. L. Tindall.

Alternates—W. R. Connor, R. F. Nuckols, John Eldridge, Jr., B. F. Gregory.

Whites and Blacks Hold Separate Conventions and Send Delegates.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DANVILLE, VA., March 24.—Two rival meetings, each calling themselves the Republican party of Danville, were held to-night and two sets of delegates named to the district and State convention. The "split" in the party is between the whites and blacks. The Lily White meeting was presided over by Frank D. Lumpkin, who in his call as chairman eliminated the negroes. The negro meeting was presided over by J. M. Clark. The feature of the white meeting was the evidence of the fight for the postmaster's office. Several warring factions turned out, and it seems that the whites, after eliminating the negroes, may become "split" among themselves. The white meeting indorsed Taft, while the negro delegation go unrepresented. Which set of delegates is to be recognized will be awaited with interest.

Fredericksburg Republicans.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 24.—The Republicans of this city will hold a mass-meeting at the courthouse here on Thursday, April 24, to elect county, city and city executive committee. There are two factions of the Republican party here, and a lively meeting is expected. The First District Republican Committee, recently appointed, is composed of the following: C. A. McKinney, Cape Charles, chairman; S. B. Hardwick, Westmoreland; H. Libbey, Hampton; R. S. Brice,



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MAY COMPROMISE THE CASE.

Algie Butler Will Probably Pay Tax and Be Charged Dismissed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., March 24.—Efforts are on foot to compromise the case of Algie Butler, the Nansemond county farmer, charged with operating an illicit distillery on a farm near Suffolk who is under a \$2,000 bond to appear before the United States court. Friends of Butler are seeking to compromise, and the local Federal officials are said to favor it, he having served a sentence for the offense in the Suffolk jail on a conviction in the State court provided the government is reimbursed for revenue taxes. This will probably be done.

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